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REMARKS

Claims 1-37 are now pending in the above-identified patent application.

§112 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claims 1-37.

The Office action at sentence 2 of paragraph 3 recites, "Evidence that claims 1-37 fail(s) to correspond in scope with that which applicant(s) regard as the invention can be found in the specification (page 6, lines 25-29) filed December 02, 2003." Applicant respectfully submits that in making a 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejection the complete specification must be considered. The Office action, in this case, only considers a few lines of the specification. The applicant respectfully directs the Examiner to the text of the specification at page 2, lines 27-28, and page 3, lines 1-7. Applicant submits that there is substantial correspondence between the independent claims 1, 16, and 32 on which the Office action appears to have grounded the indefiniteness rejection and the text identified by the applicant. Further, applicant submits that there is substantially a one-to-one correspondence between the text of the specification at page 2, lines 27-28, and page 3, lines 1-7 and claim 1. This correspondence rebuts the Office action argument that the claims are indefinite because they are not supported in the specification.

Therefore, applicant requests withdrawal of the rejections and reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-37.

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Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone applicant's attorney at 612-371-2109 to facilitate prosecution of the above-identified patent application.

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